GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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FORMULATIONS UNDER PRICE CONTROL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has opposed the Department of Chemicals, move to bring 663 formulations under price control as part of National Pharmaceutical Policy ;

(b) if so, the detailed reasons cited by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;

(c) whether the Government has prepared any plan to bridge the gap in view between the two Ministries ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which the said issue is likely to be resolved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (e): The draft National Pharmaceutical Policy, 2006 was prepared keeping in view the comments of various stakeholders including the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Ministry of Commerce and Industry in its comments on the draft Note had observed, inter alia, that it would be better to have price monitoring mechanism for essential drugs rather than extend the list of drugs under price control mechanism.

The Cabinet Note on proposed National Pharmaceuticals Policy, 2006 along with views of various Departments was placed before the Cabinet for its consideration/approval. The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11th January, 2007. It was decided that the matter, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). The GOM has since been constituted. The First meeting of the GOM was held on 10.4.2007. The GOM after detailed discussions on various aspects of the Policy would make its recommendations to the Cabinet.